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SUBJ: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. SPECULATION CONTINUES OVER AN ENLARGED CABINET. KHADDAM IS RETURNING TO DAMASCUS TODAY AFTER ANOTHER ROUND OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS YESTERDAY ENDING WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HOPED FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. JUMBLATT, SALAM, EDDE AND OTHERS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE CABINET OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AT THIS STAGE, SO THAT SPECULATION IS TURNING TOWARD ENLARGED CABINET OF TECHNICIANS WITH A FEW LEADERS (PROBABLY PRESENT INCUMBENTS) AS MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. JUMBLATT CONTINUES TO PUCH FOR RESUSCITATION OF NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE.

2.KIDNAPPINGS IN AND AROUND BEIRUT CONTINUE, WITH
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VICTIMS GENERALLY BEING RELEASED SOON AFTER. ATTACK

ON SERAIL IN JBEIL BY RIGHT WING CHRISTIANS WON RELEASE
OF FOUR DETAINEES. ATTACK ON GENDARMERIE POST OF
MACHGHARA IN BEKAA BY RENEGADE ARMY FOLLOWERS OF KHATIB
RESULTED IN LIBERATION OF WEAPONS.

3. POLITICAL RHETORIC CONTINUES. GUARDIANS OF THE
CEDARS HAVE REJECTED FRANGIE'S BADDDBDA DECLARATION,
ARABIZATION OF LEBANON, AND CAIRO ACCORD. GEMAYEL
IS THREATENING LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN SYRIANS BECAUSE
OF CONTINUED INSECURITY, EDDE HAS ATTACKED CHAMOUN,
WHO HAS RESPONDED BY CALLING EDDE CRAZY. SO MUCH
FOR LEBANESE LEADERSHIP.

4. MEMORIAL SERVICES IN AUB CHAPEL WILL BE HELD SAT-
URDAY MORNING FOR DEAN NAJEMY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON
FOR VETERAN ACS TEACHER MRS. CHURCHILL WHO FINALLY
SUCCEDED TO CANCER. BY SEPT EL WE ARE INFORMING
DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED POSTS THAT SECURITY SITUATION
HAS NOT CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY TO WARRANT CHANGE IN OUR
POLICY OF DISCOURAGING TRAVEL HERE BY AMERICAN
CITIZENS WHO DO NOT HAVE ESSENTIAL BUSINESS. IN
PARTICULAR, KIDNAPPINGS CONTINUE.
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